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The applicant submits that the enclosed references were cited in a European search report dated January 26, 2004 in the corresponding European application. A copy of the search report, the non-U.S. patent references and non-patent references are enclosed herewith. The applicant also wishes to point out that the first reference cited in the European search report (CL 40891) was already submitted with the IDS dated March 25, 2004.

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The Examiner is requested to make the attached references of record and to consider these references along with such other references deemed pertinent as a result of the Examiner's own independent search and examination.

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U.S. Patent Documents

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Filing Date
_____	5,186,915	2/16/93	Polizzotti	8/9/91
_____	5,527,382	6/18/1996	Pincheira Alvarez et al.	10/14/94
_____	6,280,501 B1	8/28/2001	Ferron	5/6/99

Foreign Patent Documents

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_____	GB 1,235,802	6/16/71	Great Britain	No

Other Prior Art (Inc. Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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____ "Designing the Leach System for Cerro Negro ore;" Kaczmarek, A.F., et al.; Cobre International Conference; Electrofining and Hydrometallurgy of Copper; vol. 4, October 10, 1999, pages 437-452.

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